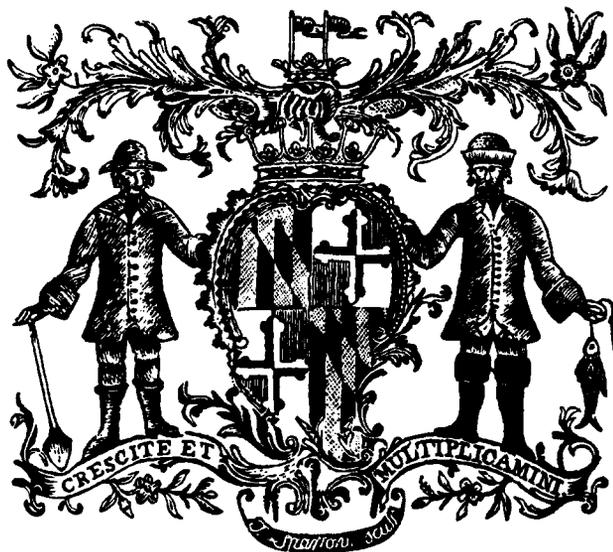


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Gittings bought a few tracts in Baltimore County and divested himself of ca. 1,754 acres, with all but 400 acres of it being given to his sons. From the mid-1780s until his death Gittings was involved in land transactions in Baltimore Town, particularly in the Fell's Point and Franklin Street areas. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on February 26, 1823, in Baltimore County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: requested no appraisal of his estate. LAND: ca. 2,010 acres in Baltimore County, plus a number of lots in Baltimore City.

**GODDIN, JOHN** (?-1712/13). IMMIGRATED: in 1677 as a free adult. RESIDED: in Somerset County. MARRIED by 1681 Katherine, daughter of George Johnson (1627-1681), sheriff of Somerset County from 1668 to 1669; stepdaughter of *Thomas Everden* (?-1710). CHILDREN. SON: John (1681-?). DAUGHTER: Katherine (?-1753), who married *Thomas Purnell* (?-1723). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Quaker. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: no title on arrival in the colony. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1681-1682 (elected to the 3rd session), 1692 (disqualified, because as a Quaker he would not subscribe to the required oaths). LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Somerset County, 1680/81 (probably never served). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,200 acres; 5,273 acres by 1690. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on February 20, 1712/13. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £322.3.7 sterling (including 4 slaves). LAND: 5,273 acres.

**GOLDSBOROUGH, CHARLES** (1707-1767). BORN: on June 26, 1707, in Talbot County; third son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Dorchester County, by 1727; Cambridge, Dorchester County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Robert Goldsborough* (1660-1746). MOTHER: Elizabeth (1678-1719/20), daughter of *Nicholas Greenberry* (1627-1697). UNCLE: *Charles Greenberry* (1672-1713). HALF UNCLE: *Thomas Robins* (1672-1721). AUNT: Ann Greenberry, who married *John Hammond* (ca. 1665-1742/43). BROTHERS: Robert (ca. 1704-1777); Nicholas (ca. 1704-1756); *William Goldsborough* (1709-1760); *John Goldsborough* (1711-1778); Greenberry (1713-ca. 1716); Howes (1715-1746); Greenberry (1717-1717); and (first name unknown) (1718-1718). SISTERS: Ann (1698-ca. 1708); Elizabeth (ca. 1700-ca. 1708); and Mary (1702-ca. 1742). FIRST COUSINS: *Nicholas Goldsborough* (ca. 1689-1766); Elizabeth Ridgely (?-1734), who married *Thomas Worthing-*

*ton* (ca. 1691-1753); and Elizabeth Standley, who married second, *Thomas Robins* (1672-1721). NEPHEWS: *Robert Goldsborough IV* (1740-1798); *Howes Goldsborough* (1747-1797); and *William Goldsborough* (1750/51-1801). NIECES: Elizabeth Goldsborough (ca. 1735-ca. 1786), who married second, *Benson Stainton* (?-ca. 1781); and Mary Goldsborough (1755-1796), who married first, *Benedict Brice* (1749-1786). MARRIED first, on July 18, 1730, Elizabeth (?-by 1739), daughter of *Joseph Ennalls* (?-1709) and wife Mary Brooke; granddaughter of both *Bartholomew Ennalls* (1643-1688) and *John Brooke* (by 1646-1692/93); niece of *Thomas Ennalls* (?-1718), *Henry Ennalls* (1675-1734), Elizabeth Ennalls, who married *Roger Woolford* (1670-1730), and Ann Brooke, who married first, *Thomas Cooke* (?-1692/93). Her brothers were *William Ennalls* (?-1731); *Bartholomew Ennalls* (ca. 1700-1783); Thomas (?-1753); Henry (?-1734); and Joseph (1702-1759). Her sister was Mary, who married *Henry Hooper* (ca. 1687-1767). Her first cousin was *Thomas Woolford* (ca. 1699-ca. 1750/51). Her nephews were *Joseph Ennalls* (ca. 1745-1779); *William Ennalls* (?-1785); *John Ennalls* (by 1746-ca. 1778); and *Henry Hooper, Jr.* (ca. 1727-1790). Her nieces were Mary Ennalls, who married *Ennalls Hooper* (?-ca. 1763); Ann Ennalls (ca. 1729-by 1790), who married *Henry Hooper, Jr.* (ca. 1727-1790); Elinor Ennalls (ca. 1738-1793), who married *Joseph Daffin* (?-1796). MARRIED second, on August 2, 1739, Elizabeth (1723-?), daughter of Samuel Dickinson, Gent. (ca. 1689-1760), of Kent County on Delaware, Pennsylvania, presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Kent County, Delaware, in 1740, associate judge of the Supreme Court of Delaware, in 1754, and wife Judith Troth; stepdaughter of Mary Cadwalader; granddaughter of William Troth; stepgranddaughter of John Cadwalader, of Pennsylvania. Her brothers were William (1711-?), Walter (ca. 1712-?), and Samuel, all of whom died young; and Henry (1718-?). Her half brother was John Dickinson (1732-1808), of Pennsylvania, statesman, author of *Letters from a Farmer in Pennsylvania to the Inhabitants of the British Colonies* (1768), president of the Supreme Executive Council of Delaware in 1781, and later elected to the same office in Pennsylvania, who married Mary, daughter of Isaac Norris. Her sisters were Elizabeth, Rebecca, Rachel, and Rachel, all of whom died young. CHILDREN. SONS: *Robert Goldsborough* (1733-1788); Charles (1740-1769), who married Anna Maria Lloyd (1737-1768), daughter of *William Tilghman* (1711-1782). Charles entered the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania in May 1758, but never graduated. DAUGHTER: Elizabeth Greenberry (ca. 1731–1820), who married *William Ennalls* (?–1785). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; in a petition to the Provincial Court he claimed that he had studied to be a lawyer. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1741; Esq., 1756. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Talbot County in August 1728; Somerset County in November 1736; Provincial Court in October 1738; Talbot County by March 1738/39; Queen Anne's County in March 1740/41; and Dorchester County by August 1762. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: In an effort to resolve the problem the Worcester County sheriff was having in demanding quitrents on those lands lying north of a boundary line that had been run in 1751 from Fenwick's Island between Maryland and Delaware, Gov. Horatio Sharpe asked Goldsborough's legal opinion. Goldsborough replied that he believed those people living north of the line were no longer subject to Maryland laws, nor were they liable to pay Maryland taxes. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Dorchester County, 1751–1754 (Laws 1–6), 1754–1757 (Laws 1–4; Grievances 3), 1758–1761 (Grievances 3, Cv 3), 1762 (appointed to Council before the 2nd session); Upper House, 1763 (appointed before the 2nd session), 1765–1766. OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council, 1762–1767 (appointed and qualified in July 1762); commissary general, 1764–1767. LOCAL OFFICE: clerk, Dorchester County, 1728–1738 (resigned). ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: A report from the Lower House Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice in May 1739 stated that Charles Goldsborough, while he was clerk of Dorchester County, had demanded recognizances in large sums from people before he would conduct their business in the county courts. The condition of these recognizances required a person to pay the officer's fees immediately. If they did not, Goldsborough, who in the meantime had become a lawyer, obtained judgments against them that resulted in prison terms for some. The Committee determined, and the Lower House concurred, that Goldsborough's methods were illegal. He was reprimanded by the Lower House for his "vexatious, litigious and crewell" [*sic*] practices and ordered to pay the fees arising from the inquiry or be committed to the sergeant's custody until he complied with the order. In 1753 Goldsborough intended to apply for a seat in the Council, but Gov. Sharpe opposed his appointment. In a letter to Frederick

Calvert, 6th Lord Baltimore, Sharpe stated that the Goldsborough family had always presented itself in opposition to the government and that there was no reason to assume that Charles would be any different. Sharpe, however, did recommend him for a seat in the Lower House. He felt Goldsborough had the "Cunning & Capacity to lead or impose on some of the Burgesses. . . ." By 1760, though, Gov. Sharpe had changed his opinion of Goldsborough, stating that the family had been misrepresented to him at first and that he now believed them to be moderate and respectful towards the government. Sharpe felt Goldsborough had proven himself a man of ability and recommended that he be appointed to fill the Council seat vacated by the death of *Benjamin Tasker, Jr.* (1720/21–1760). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: his father bequeathed Goldsborough and his brother *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760) £146.4.6 sterling, money he had in the hands of Mr. John Hanbury, merchant, to be divided equally between them. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 5,908 acres in Dorchester County, plus 3 lots in Cambridge, Dorchester County (263 acres through second marriage; at least 5,645 acres by purchase and patent). ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Charles's father did not leave him any land because, as he stated in his will, Charles had already been blessed with a handsome estate. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: Goldsborough patented 2 tracts totalling 4,353 acres in Dorchester County in 1759 and 1760. These tracts were apparently on the Maryland-Delaware border, and when the Mason-Dixon line was drawn in ca. 1764 the land probably became part of Delaware. Goldsborough purchased or patented at least 6,875 additional acres in Dorchester County and 356 acres in Kent County, Delaware, and at least 4 lots in Cambridge, Dorchester County, between 1752 and 1765. He sold 256 acres in Dorchester County between 1756 and 1764. He received by deed of gift 1 lot in Cambridge, Dorchester County, from his second wife's father, 1760. Goldsborough stated in his will that he had already conveyed 600 acres in Dorchester County to his daughter, but no date was given. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on July 14, 1767, about 7:00 in the morning, in Dorchester County, of a "Dropsy." PERSONAL PROPERTY: requested no appraisal of his estate. LAND: at least 11,927 acres in Dorchester County, plus at least 7 lots in Cambridge, Dorchester County, and lodgings in Annapolis; he also owned at least 356 acres in Kent County, Delaware, and he may have owned 4,353

acres more in Delaware, which had originally been patented in Dorchester County. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** There is a discrepancy of at least 3,026 acres between what the Dorchester County debt books list Goldsborough as owning and the total figure obtained from deeds. The figure in the debt books may be too low because some of the land may have been included in Delaware when the Mason-Dixon line was drawn.

**GOLDSBOROUGH, HOWES (1747–1797).** BORN: on Friday afternoon, September 4, 1747, in Talbot County; second son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Mill Hundred, Talbot County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Robert Goldsborough (ca. 1704–1777), of “Myrtle Grove,” Talbot County; a justice of Talbot County from 1734 to 1741 and from 1749 to 1766; son of *Robert Goldsborough* (1660–1746). MOTHER: Mary Anne (1711–1794), widow of John Robins (?–1739), a lawyer; daughter of *Foster Turbutt* (1679–1720/21). UNCLER: *Charles Goldsborough* (1707–1767); *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760); and *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778). AUNTS: Sarah Turbutt (1706–1773), who married *Nicholas Goldsborough* (ca. 1689–1766); Elizabeth Turbutt (1708–?), who married *Tench Francis* (1701–1758); and Anne Turbutt (1715–1766), who married *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778). BROTHER: *William Goldsborough* (1750/51–1801). HALF BROTHER: *Robert Goldsborough IV* (1740–1798). SISTERS: Elizabeth (1745–1748); Mary Anne Turbutt (1752–1811), never married. FIRST COUSINS: *Thomas Goldsborough* (ca. 1728–1793); *Robert Goldsborough* (1733–1788); Ann Francis (1727–?), who married *James Tilghman* (1716–1793); Elizabeth Greenberry Goldsborough (ca. 1731–1820), who married *William Ennalls* (?–1785); Ann Goldsborough (1732–?), who married *Edward Oldham* (1709–1773); Elizabeth Goldsborough (ca. 1735–ca. 1786), who married second, *Benson Stainton* (?–ca. 1781); and Mary Goldsborough (1755–1796), who married *Benedict Brice* (1749–1786). **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** his father’s first wife was Sarah (?–1740), daughter of Rev. Henry Nicols (1687–ca. 1749), rector of St. Michael’s Parish, Talbot County. MARRIED on November 16, 1773, his second cousin Rebecca (ca. 1757–?), daughter of *Robert Goldsborough* (1733–1788); granddaughter of *Charles Goldsborough* (1707–1767); niece of Elizabeth Greenberry Goldsborough (ca. 1731–1820), who married *William Ennalls* (?–1785). Her brothers were Charles (ca. 1756–ca. 1759); Charles (1761–1801); Robert (ca. 1766–1790); John (by 1766–?); William; Richard;

and Howes. Her sisters were Sarah (ca. 1758–by 1832), who married *Henry Ennalls* (?–ca. 1803); Elizabeth; and Rachel (?–1811). **CHILDREN.** SONS: Robert (1776–1777); Charles (1779–1824), who married in 1802 Sarah (1789–1819), daughter of Vachel Keene; Robert Yerbury (1782–by 1805); Henry Turbutt (1783–1785); William Henry (1785–1842); Howes (1789–?), a physician by 1812, who married in 1814 Henrietta Maria Ward; and Henry (1792–1832), who married first, in 1817 Eliza Ann Thomas (?–1817), second, Susannah Shippley (?–by 1823), third, in 1823 Anne Keene (?–1824), and fourth, in 1825 Margaret, daughter of *James Tilghman, Jr.* (ca. 1748–1796). **DAUGHTERS:** Sarah (1774–?), who married in 1802 Dr. Samuel Y. Keene; Mary Ann (1778–by 1812), who married in 1804 Dr. Tristram Thomas; Ann (1787–1855), who married in 1810 Charles Louis Pascault, of Baltimore; Rebecca (1790–1792); and Elizabeth (1791–1791). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Michael’s Parish, Talbot County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1777–1778, 1778–1779 (Claims 3), 1781 (elected, but did not attend the 1781–1782 Assembly; resigned on November 16, 1781), 1785 (Claims). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Talbot County, 1777–at least 1782; justice, Orphans’ Court, Talbot County, 1777–at least 1783; commissioner of Tax, Talbot County, 1777–at least 1792; St. Michael’s Parish Vestry, Talbot County, in office 1780–1784, 1796; trustee of the Alms- and Workhouse, Talbot County, in office 1787 and 1789; commission to build a courthouse at Easton, Talbot County, in office 1789; associate justice, Second District, Talbot County, appointed 1795. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: 23 slaves, 1776; assessed value £1,180.6.8, including 28 slaves and 71 oz. plate, 1783; 37 slaves, 1790. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 642 acres in Talbot County (all inherited from his father). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 332 acres in Talbot County, 1788; inherited one-third of 2 tracts in Queen Anne’s County from his mother with his portion totaling 369 acres, ca. 1794; purchased 76 acres in Talbot County, 1795. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Howes was an heir of his mother’s estate with his brother *William Goldsborough* (1750/51–1801) and his sister Mary Anne Turbutt Goldsborough. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between January 1 and February 16, 1797, in Talbot County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £6,936.11.0 current money (including 41 slaves,